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1. The Lower Silesian Metallurgical Works No. 1 (Dolnoslaskie Zaklady Metalurgiczne Nr. 1) in Nowa Sol (Neusalz -052/B48) are located on Ul. Armii Wojska Polskiego, on the edge of a stream in the northern part of the town. A railway siding connects the plant with the Nowa Sol railroad station.
2. The plant employs 800 workers in three shifts: 6:00 to 2:00, 2:00 to 10:00 and 10:00 to 5:00.
3. The plant produces mortar shell cases and grenades. Most of the production is shipped by rail in the direction of Krakow. Cars leaving the factory show no destination, but are marked in chalk with a cross in a circle. Shortly after Christmas, 1951, the effective output was estimated at about 10 percent of the total production. About 30 percent of the shell cases broke when being polished. Of the remainder, so many were cracked during transport that only about 10 to 15 percent were of use. A special commission was set up to investigate suspected sabotage, but general opinion was that the losses were caused by the poor quality of the metal used.
4. In addition to the main workshops, two other foundries are being put into operation and will form branches of the Lower Silesian Metallurgical Works No. 1. One is attached to the Polish Wool Factory in the southern part of the town and is at present being modernized. The other, nearer the center of the town, was destroyed during the war. The rebuilding work is being done in three shifts. This plant is connected to the Nowa Sol railroad station by a railroad spur.

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